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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Eigo SHIMIZU and Toshikazu KARITA for A COUPLING APPARATUS AND A COUPLING METHOD.

Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure __ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: MITSUBISHI DENKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA.

Also enclosed are:

8 sheet(s) of drawings;

a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is hereby made to __ filed in __ on __;

in the declaration;

a certified copy of the priority document;

a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;

an Assignment document;

an Information Disclosure Statement;

a patent application data sheet; and

Other: _____

An executed unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
 also is enclosed will follow.

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	13	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					770.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) if Assignment document is enclosed					40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$810.00

This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$ 810.00 is enclosed for the fee due.

Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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